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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1 (Original). A method for reducing animal waste malodor, said method comprising adding an effective amount of an odor-reducing agent and an effective amount of a cross-adapting agent to said animal waste.

- 2 (Original). The method of claim 1 wherein said odor-reducing agent is selected from the group consisting of chlorophyll copper complex (CCC), bismuth compounds, and powdered activated charcoal (PAC).
- 3 (Original). The method of claim 2 wherein the bismuth compounds are selected from the group consisting of bismuth salicylate (BiS), bismuth subgallate (BiG) and bismuth citrate (BiC).
- 4 (Original). The method of claim 2 or 3 wherein the concentration of odor-reducing agent ranges from about 0.5% to about 15% by weight of said animal waste.
- 5 (Original). The method of claim 1 wherein the cross-adapting agent is an ester of 3-methyl-2-hexenoic acid, or a homologue thereof.
- 6 (Original). The method of claim 5 wherein the concentration of cross-adapting agent ranges from about 0.01% to about 0.75% by weight of said animal waste.
- 7 (Original). A method for reducing animal waste malodor, said method comprising adding an effective amount of a cross-adapting agent to animal waste.
- 8 (Original). The method of claim 7 wherein the cross-adapting agent is an ester of 3-methyl-2-hexenoic acid, or a homologue thereof.
- 9 (Original). The method of claim 7 wherein the concentration of cross-adapting agent ranges from about 0.01% to about 0.75% by weight of said animal waste.
- 10 (Withdrawn). A method for reducing non-human animal waste malodor, said method comprising adding an effective amount of an odor-reducing agent to the diet of a non-human animal.

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11 (Withdrawn). The method of claim 10 wherein said odor-reducing agent is selected from the group consisting of CCC, bismuth compounds, and PAC.

- 12 (Withdrawn). The method of claim 11 wherein the bismuth compounds are selected from the group consisting of BiS, BiG, and BiC.
- 13 (Withdrawn). The method of claim 11 or 12 wherein the concentration of said odor-reducing agent ranges from about 2 mg to about 6 mg per pound body weight of said animal.
- 14 (Withdrawn). A method for reducing animal waste malodor, said method comprising adding an effective amount of an odor-reducing agent to the diet of an animal followed by adding an effective amount of a cross-adapting agent to said waste of said animal.
- 15 (Withdrawn). The method of claim 14 wherein said odor-reducing agent is selected from the group consisting of CCC, bismuth compounds, and PAC.
- 16 (Withdrawn). The method of claim 15 wherein the bismuth compounds are selected from the group consisting of BiS, BiG, and BiC.
- 17 (Withdrawn). The method of claim 15 or 16 wherein the concentration of said odor-reducing agent ranges from about 2 mg to about 10 mg per pound body weight of said animal.
- 18 (Withdrawn). The method of claim 14 wherein the cross-adapting agent is an ester of 3-methyl-2-hexenoic acid, or a homologue thereof.
- 19 (Withdrawn). The method of 18 wherein the concentration of cross-adapting agent ranges from about 0.01% to about 0.75% by weight of said animal waste.
- 20 (Withdrawn). A composition for the treatment of animal waste malodor comprising an effective amount of an odor-reducing agent and an effective amount of a cross-adapting agent.
- 21 (Withdrawn). The composition of claim 20 wherein said odor-reducing agent is selected from the group consisting of CCC, bismuth compounds, and PAC.

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- 22 (Withdrawn). The composition of claim 21 wherein the bismuth compounds are selected from the group consisting of BiS, BiG, and BiC.
- 23 (Withdrawn). The composition of claim 21 or 22 wherein the concentration of odor-reducing agent ranges from about 0.5% to about 15% by weight of said animal waste.
- 24 (Withdrawn). The composition of claim 20 wherein the cross-adapting agent is an ester of 3-methyl-2-hexenoic acid, or a homologue thereof.
- 25 (Withdrawn). The composition of 24 wherein the concentration of cross-adapting agent ranges from about 0.01% to about 0.75% by weight of said animal waste.
- 26 (Withdrawn). A composition for the treatment of animal waste malodor comprising an effective amount of a cross-adapting agent.
- 27 (Withdrawn). The composition of claim 26 wherein the cross-adapting agent is an ester of 3-methyl-2-hexenoic acid, or a homologue thereof.
- 28 (Withdrawn). The composition of claim 27 wherein the concentration of cross-adapting agent ranges from about 0.01% to about 0.75% by weight of said animal waste.
- 29 (Currently Amended). A method for reducing animal waste malodor comprising adding using an effective amount of the composition of any one of claims 20-22 or 24.
- 30 (Original). A method for reducing animal waste malodor comprising adding an effective amount of the composition of any one of claims 26-28.
- 31 (Original). A method for reducing animal waste malodor at a locus, said method comprising adding an effective amount of an odor-reducing agent to said locus.
- 32 (Original). The method of claim 31 wherein said odor-reducing agent is selected from the group consisting of CCC, bismuth compounds, and PAC.
- 33 (Original). The method of claim 32 wherein the bismuth compounds are selected from the group consisting of BiS, BiG, and BiC.
- 34 (Original). The method of claim 32 or 33 wherein the concentration of odorreducing agent ranges from about 0.5% to about 15% by weight of said animal waste.

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35 (Original). The method of any one of claims 31-33 further comprising adding an effective amount of a cross-adapting agent to said locus.

- 36 (Original). The method of claim 35 wherein the cross-adapting agent is an ester of 3-methyl-2-hexenoic acid, or a homologue thereof.
- 37 (Original). The method of claim 36 wherein the concentration of cross-adapting agent ranges from about 0.01% to about 0.75% by weight of said animal waste.
- 38 (Original). A method for reducing animal waste malodor at a locus, said method comprising adding an effective amount of a cross-adapting agent to said locus.
- 39 (Original). The method of claim 38 wherein said cross-adapting agent is an ester of 3-methyl-2-hexenoic acid, or a homologue thereof.
- 40 (Original). The method of claim 39 wherein the concentration of cross-adapting agent ranges from about 0.01% to about 0.75% by weight of said animal waste.